

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 632
By Maddox

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Mayor Dale Kelley on being inducted into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, each year, after a rigorous selection process, the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association chooses a small number of highly deserving persons, those who have made a major contribution to high school athletics, to be inducted into their Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, there is no person more deserving of this honor than Mayor Dale Kelley, a 1998 honoree, who was specially recognized for his long service as an athletic official, by being inducted into the TSSAA Hall of Fame on March 21, 1998; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Kelley has a very diverse background, both as a talented athlete and sportsman and as a businessman and community and state leader in which roles he has rendered valuable service; and

WHEREAS, he had an outstanding athletic career at Bethel College as a star both on the basketball and baseball teams. In recognition of his exemplary efforts, he was inducted into the Bethel College Sports Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, his distinguished officiating career started in the fall of 1965 when he began working basketball games; he added baseball officiating to his duties the following spring; and

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WHEREAS, in the next seven years, he refereed in two girls' and one boys' state basketball tournaments; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Kelley was also a registered TSSAA football official for ten years and served as the Commissioner of the Northwest Tennessee Basketball Officials Association for five productive years; and

WHEREAS, his tremendous dedication to officiating has also been strongly evinced through his lengthy career as an eminent collegiate basketball official; he presently serves expertly as the coordinator of men's basketball officials for the Big 12 Conference USA and the Sun Belt Conference; and

WHEREAS, he has remained true to his first love of helping high school athletics, and he is in constant demand as a eloquent speaker at numerous TSSAA officials camps and local associations; and

WHEREAS, a realtor by profession, Mayor Kelley spent four years in the United States Air Force after graduating from Bethel College; and

WHEREAS, he also astutely served Tennessee as a state representative for three terms, during the 91st, 92nd and 93rd General Assemblies, and he also turned in brilliant terms of service as the Commissioner of the Department of Employment Security and the Department of Transportation during the Alexander Administration; and

WHEREAS, he presently serves his community with distinction as the popular and respected mayor of Huntingdon; and

WHEREAS, under his able tutelage as mayor, Huntingdon has grown and prospered; and

WHEREAS, he and his loving and supportive wife, Carlene, have three children, Amanda, Meredith and Cliff; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to honor and commend this exemplary public and athletic official; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Dale Kelley on being inducted into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of Fame. We commend him for his service to high school athletics, Huntingdon and the state of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.